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Contribution of Tourism to GDP
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge growth has been registered in religious and medical tourism in the country during the recent years;
(b) if so, the details thereof including its contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country;
(c) whether the Government has taken any steps for promotion of tourism sector in the country;
(d) if so, the details of schemes proposed/formulated for development of tourism sector in the country;
(e) whether the outline prepared by the Government is likely to work in service sector also; and
(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b): The number of Domestic Tourist Visits to all States/Union Territories (UTs), including the visits for religious and medical purpose, has increased to 161.4 Crore in 2016 from 143.2 Crore in 2015, registering a growth of 12.7% in 2016 over 2015.

The number of Foreign Tourist Visits to all States/UTs, including the visits for religious and medical purpose, has increased to 2.5 Crore in 2016 from 2.3 Crore in 2015, registering a growth of 5.9% in 2016 over 2015.

The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals, as differentiated from Foreign Tourist Visits, in India has increased to 88.0 lakh in 2016 from 80.3 lakh in 2015, registering a growth of 9.7% in 2016 over 2015.

As per the information available for the current year, the number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India during January-June 2017 were 48.8 lakh registering a growth of 17.2% over the same period of 2016.

As per the 2nd Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) of India - 2009-10 and subsequent estimation, the contribution of tourism to total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 were 6.77%, 6.76%, 6.76% and 6.88% respectively

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): The major schemes operated by the Ministry of Tourism for development and promotion of tourism in the country are given below:

â€¢ Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits on Specific Themes
â€¢ National Mission for Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD)
â€¢ Overseas Promotion and Publicity including Market Development Assistance
â€¢ Assistance to IHMs/FCIs/IITTM/NCHMCT
â€¢ Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality
â€¢ Capacity Building for Service Providers
â€¢ Computerization and Information Technology

(e) & (f): Tourism is a demand based concept defined not by its output but by its use. It consumes the output of various industries like Passenger Transport (Air/ Rail/Road), Hotels & Restaurants, etc. The initiatives taken by the Ministry to boost tourism in the country under various schemes would in turn benefit the various service industries by way of increasing demands and inter-alia direct and indirect employment generation.

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